no changes in sensorimotor abilities were detected by using the open field activity test (data not shown).

Example 20

[0149] It has been discovered using cultured cortical neurons that cotinine inhibits Aβ oligomerization in vitro and prevents its toxicity on cortical neurons. Studies performed in vitro have shown that cotinine binds to Aβ with high affinity. Cotinine can also bind Aβ in vivo with high affinity and consequently, when labeled for detection by Positron Emission tomography, it can be used as a diagnostic tool to determine the presence of senile plaques in the brain of AD patients.

[0150] It should be understood that the examples and embodiments described herein are for illustrative purposes only and that various modifications or changes in light thereof will be suggested to persons skilled in the art and are to be included within the spirit and purview of this application and the scope of the appended claims. In addition, any elements or limitations of any invention or embodiment thereof disclosed herein can be combined with any and/or all other elements or limitations (individually or in any combination) or any other invention or embodiment thereof disclosed herein, and all such combinations are contemplated with the scope of the invention without limitation thereto.

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